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I have the honour to enclose a statement today by Mr. Sten Andersson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, on behalf of the Government of Sweden, which I should be grateful if you would have circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jan ELIASSON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Sweden to the United Nations

Annex

Statement by Sten Andersson, Foreign Minister of Sweden, regarding the Gulf crisis

Sweden regards the situation in the Gulf with deepest concern. Iraq's aggression against Kuwait can never be accepted. Iraq must withdraw immediately and unconditionally all its forces from Kuwait. It is the duty of the international community to ensure the compliance by Iraq with the relevant United Nations resolutions.

As a loyal member of the United Nations, Sweden supports the Security Council and its resolutions. Our support for the United Nations is based upon the fact that the ultimate goal of the Organization is to maintain international peace and security. The fulfilment of this objective may, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, ultimately require the use of force when other measures are inadequate.

In this extremely serious situation all peaceful means must be tried to their full extent. We urge maximum restraint until all such means have been exhausted.

Sweden directs an urgent appeal to the members of the Security Council to direct all their attention to the remaining possibilities to find a peaceful solution. Sweden expresses its support for the French efforts to this effect. We trust that the Council will remain actively seized with the matter until a peaceful solution will be found.